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Letter dated 29 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 27-29 December 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Churkin**

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Annex to the letter dated 29 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (27 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 1,077.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Shaykh in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 94.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 26 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (7), Damascus governorate (16), Hama governorate (2) and Ladhiqiyah governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Buzaynah, Maydan, Kafr Batna, Barza, Damascus city, the Abbasiyin Stadium, farms and the highway in Harasta and a stretch of highway near Duma.

Armed elements of the Ahrar al-Sham group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jam'iyat al-Zahra and the Ashrafiyah neighbourhood in Aleppo governorate, as well as Ikku in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Aleppo city, groups from the Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) terrorist organization used mortars and small arms to fire on the Ashrafiyah, 1070, 3000 and Dahiyat al-Assad neighbourhoods and near elevation point 452.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Hawsh Kharabu, Irbin, Hawsh Nasri (twice) and a sports ground in Jawbar.

Terrorists shelled Kurnaz and Suran in Hama governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 3 tons to the temporary housing area in the Shaykh Maqsud district
- Approximately 3 tons to the temporary housing area in the Azizi district
- Approximately 200 kilograms to Haffah in Ladhiqiyah governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who have left the eastern districts of Aleppo city.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (28 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 1,077.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Shaykh in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of illegal armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 94.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 30 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate (20), Aleppo governorate (7), Hama governorate (1), Ladhiqiyah governorate (1) and Dar'a governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Buzaynah, Maydan, Kafr Batna, Barza, Qabun, Mazra'at-Mahmud, farms in Harasta, the Wafidin Camp, the Ibn al-Walid Hospital and the highway near Duma.

Armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham groups used multiple rocket launchers, mortars and small arms to fire on the Layramun and Ansari neighbourhoods in Aleppo city, and also on Khashkhashah in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Aleppo city, groups from the terrorist organization Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front), using unmanned aerial vehicles with explosive devices, multiple launch-rocket systems, mortars and small arms, fired on the Ashrafiyah, Layramun, Shurfah, Ansari and Jam'iyat al-Zahra' neighbourhoods.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Hawsh Kharabu, Irbin, Hawsh Nasri, Qabun and a sports ground in Jawbar.

In Dar'a governorate, terrorists shelled Shaykh Miskin, and also Tall Bazzam in Hama governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, seven humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 3.3 tons to the temporary housing area in the Jibrin district of Aleppo city

- Approximately 3 tons to the temporary housing area in the Ansari and Ard al-Sabbagh districts of Aleppo city
- Approximately 2 tons to two primary schools in the Furqan district of Aleppo city
- Approximately 1 ton to schools in the Hamidiyah-4 district and the 3,000 neighbourhood in Aleppo city
- Approximately 0.3 tons to the paediatric ward of Tishrin University Hospital in Ladhiqiyah city
- Approximately 0.3 tons to an orphanage in Ladhiqiyah city
- Approximately 1 ton to a primary school in the district of Zahra' in Homs city

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians leaving the eastern districts of Aleppo city.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (29 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

In accordance with the ceasefire agreements, a ceasefire is taking effect in the Syrian Arab Republic starting at 0 hours 00 minutes local time on 30 December 2016.

The following armed groups have acceded to the ceasefire regime: Faylaq al-Sham, Ahrar al-Sham, Army of Islam, Revolutionaries of the Levant, Army of Mujahidin, Idlib Army and Levant Front.

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 1,077.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 24 reports of shelling by armed groups in Aleppo and Damascus governorates.

In Aleppo governorate, groups from the Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) terrorist organization used mortars and small arms to fire on the Ashrafiyah, Dahiyat al-Assad, 3,000 and 1070 neighbourhoods, and on the Castello trade centre and the Hikmah School.

In Damascus governorate, Bilaliyah, Hawsh al-Shalq, Hawsh al-Faddaliyah, Hawsh Nasri, Jawbar and Hawsh Kharabu were shelled.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, seven humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 2 tons to the temporary housing area in the Bani Zayd district of Aleppo city
- Approximately 1 ton to a school in the Sakhur-Karm district of Aleppo city
- Total weight of approximately 700 kilograms to a school in the Hananu-3 district of Aleppo city
- Approximately 400 kilograms to the Meridian Hotel in Aleppo city
- Approximately 50 kilograms to the Masa'i Khayriyah Orphanage in Ladhiqiyah city
- Approximately 50 kilograms to the Dar ["Gift"] Russian Compatriots Society in Ladhiqiyah city

- Approximately 50 kilograms to the Nadezhda ["Hope"] Russian Compatriots Society in Ladhiqiyah city

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities for civilians are continuing to operate.